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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Applicant No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the corresponding address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 October 2004.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) 23-30 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3,7,8,10-13,17,18 and 20-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4-6,9,14-16 and 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 15 December 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/1/03.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of Invention I in the reply filed on October 12, 2004 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that Inventions I and II are not independent and distinct. Upon reconsideration, the examiner, respectfully, agrees, therefore the following office action will consider the claims directed to Inventions I and II, i.e. claims 1-22.
2. Claims 23-30 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to nonelected inventions, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1, 7, 10, 11, 17, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by McKinlay (6,039,524).

McKinlay ('524) discloses a security device for use with a selected nut and bolt combination, the device including a body having a cavity to receive the nut and limited space such that a socket having a standard sidewall thickness will not fit between the body and the nut, and a socket designed to work with the security device.

5. Claims 1-3, 7, 10-13, 17, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Swertz (4,742,702).

Swertz ('702) discloses a security device for use with a selected nut and bolt combination, the device including a body having a cavity to receive the nut and limited space such that a socket having a standard sidewall thickness will not fit between the body and the nut, and the body portion having a frusto-conical outer surface extending from the base at an acute angle.

6. Claims 1, 7, 8, 11, 17, and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Hirsch (4,352,614).

7. Claims 1-3, 10-13, and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Kuchler (5,401,133).

Allowable Subject Matter

8. Claims 4-6, 9, 14-16, and 19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

9. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: It is the examiner's opinion that the body as defined by claims 4-6, 9, 14-16, 19, and 22, e.g. the body having a second cavity and a reinforcing element therein; or being of a two-piece construction, has neither been anticipated nor fairly suggested in part or whole by the prior art of record.

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ellis and Goldhaber each disclose a security device.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David B. Thomas whose telephone number is (571) 272-4497. The examiner can normally be reached on 7-4 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail can be reached on (571) 272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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